



# Crag Crest Trail #711 & Crag Crest Loop Trail #711.1A

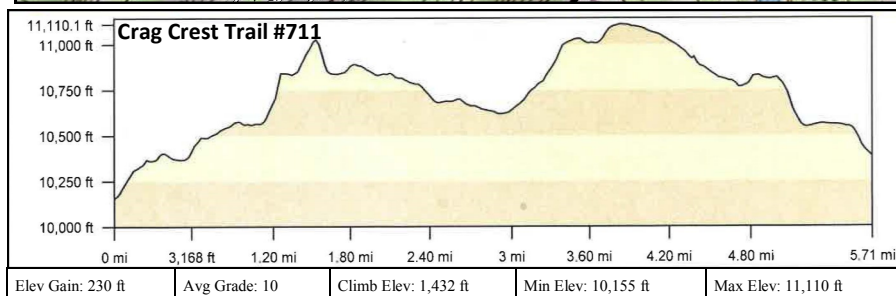
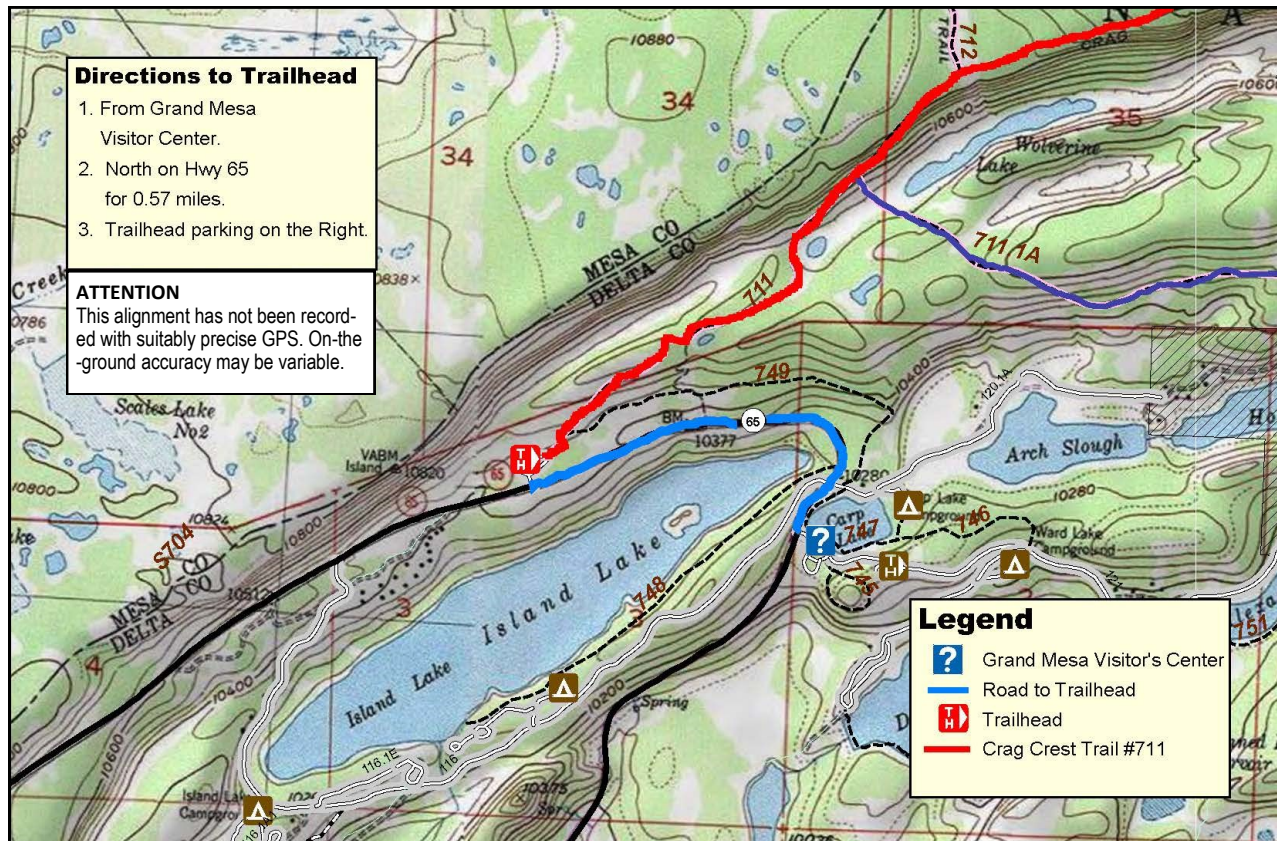
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The trail was designated as a National Recreation Trail by John McGuire of the USFS on March 14, 1978. The Crag Crest Trail #711 is only open to hiking; there are portions of the trail that are on a narrow ridge with steep drop-offs on both sides which makes any other type of passage unsafe.

At the lower elevations, the trail passes through stands of Engelmann spruce, subalpine fir and open meadows. Quaking aspen grow among the dark green conifers. Patches of low-growing Oregon grape are found in and near these forested areas. Due to the high elevation of this trail, travel is often hampered by snow drifts until early July.

A loop can be hiked by traveling the Crag Crest Trail #711 and the Crag Crest Loop Trail 711.1A and enables hikers to return to their original parking area in a 10 mile circular hike. It is also used by visitors who wish to hike half the distance of the Crag Crest Trail along a much more level route.

Hiking, Horseback, and Mountain Bikes are allowed on the lower Crag Crest Loop Trail #711.1A and on the Crag Crest Trail #711 between the West Trailhead and the Cottonwood Lakes Trail #712 junction.



## QUICK FACTS

### Crag Crest Trail #711

Open to: Hiking ONLY

Distance: 5.7 miles

Usage: Heavy

USGS Map: Grand Mesa

## QUICK FACTS

### Crag Crest Trail #711.1A

Open to: Hiking, Horseback & Mountain Bike

Distance: 3.4 miles

Usage: Heavy

USGS Map: Grand Mesa

